GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1297
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005
AIR PROXIMITY INCIDENT
Kuppusami Shri C.;Paswan Shri Sukdeo;Yadav Shri Ram Kripal

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on Republic-Day rehearsal, Air Force Sukhoi Aircraft has violated the order which was resulted near collision with Air India plane in mid-air near Alwar on January 23, 2005;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Su-30 aircraft of the Indian Air Force and an Airbus A-310 of Air India came close to each other during the rehearsal of the Republic Day parade on 23rd January, 2005.

The matter is under investigation with the Director General, Civil Aviation (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation. Officers from the Indian Air Force are also participating. The report is yet to be submitted by the DGCA.